

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0036] to read as follows:

[0036] Figure 2 shows the mount 18 with a roller arrangement 42, with which the mount is arranged displaceably on the rail 14 represented in Figure 1. The mount 18 has, furthermore, a holding element 44, on which one end of the core 12 (not shown in this figure but in Figure 1) is secured. Arranged in the region of this mount 18 is the mechanism 46 for positioning the shells 32, 34, 36, 38 by means of the arms 24, 26, 28, 30 respectively corresponding to them. The mechanism 46 can be displaced in the longitudinal direction with respect to the mount 18, in order to avoid impairment of the braiding by the shells 32, 34, 36, 38 during the normal braiding process. The shells are brought into their active position by means of the mechanism only in the case of the reversal of the braiding process [[46]]. By pivoting the arms 24, 26, 28, 30, the shells 32, 34, 36, 38 are brought to bear against the braided layer lying on top on the core. The interacting shells 32 and 38 are connected by means of a peripheral cable 48, which is led around the core 12 in a circular manner. The cable 48 can be tightened by means of a roller system 50, so that the circle which the cable forms around the core is reduced and the shells 32 and 38 are pressed against the core by the force of the cable. This tightening of the shells 32 and 38 against the core takes place counter to the force of a spring 52, which effects lifting off of the shells 32 and 38 from the core when the tensile force in the cable 48 subsides. The shells 34 and 36 interact in a way analogous to a cable 54, a roller system 56 and a spring 58.